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On: 5 Oct - Private Meeting with Operational 2
on 5 October 1953

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

1. As arranged at the previous meeting, Chief of Operations [] sign to meet Agent Gallipole 1 at 1000 hours on 5 October 1953 at the Gallipole road apartment. One officer arrived at the apartment at 0930 hours and agent arrived at 1000 hours. The purpose of the meeting, which lasted one hour and a half, was to receive agent's draft of his defection letter (see 12 145) and also to check for any recent developments in the Blackmail attempt by Marie PERKINS.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2. Gallipole 1 submitted a finished draft of his defection letter. He had intended to write three types of letters: one directed against the living conditions in Russia, one against the offensive nature of the Red Army and a third emphasizing the purely patriotic angle by calling on the prospective defector to come to the aid of Mother Russia. The letter that agent submitted at this meeting dealt with the first of the three themes, namely an attack against the living conditions in Russia. As background, Gallipole 1 used the recent speech of KHRUSHCHEV in which KHRUSHCHEV publicly pointed out that agriculture in the Soviet Union today is at a lower ebb than in the Tsarist times of 1918. Agent used all the facts and figures that KHRUSHCHEV used in his speech as given in Pravda and used these facts to remind the potential defector of the severity of food in the USSR, the ruinous effects of farm collectivization, the exceptionally poor standard of the country's dairy and cattle industry, etc. There were several criticisms of the letter to be made. First, the letter, about three normal hand written pages, dealt too heavily on purely agricultural problems in the USSR and did not sufficiently tie up these agricultural problems with a legitimate reason for the potential defector to escape to the West. Furthermore, we were not certain that any of the officers who would receive the letter would be farmers and would really be interested in the statistics on the condition of Soviet agriculture. Secondly, the letter did not play up the theme of "Mother Russia" sufficiently nor did agent use the term "Mother" (our) enough. The letter was too impersonal and sounded too much of being a purely statistical statement. Referring to KHRUSHCHEV's speech he pointed out that some strategic emphasis would have to be introduced in order to help the USSR out of its agricultural ills and also that our Soviet people would have to continue a policy of "patient confidence". To our regret

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to agent that he present and were strongly to his interest. This Soviet... of an
Soviet, recently continued stringent controls and patient satisfaction. Case officer
told agent that these issues were nothing more than a superficial consideration for
the communist theory of "the dictatorship of the Proletariat", which was being
on in Russia for the last 30 years. Therefore agent in his letter should explain
to the prospective defector that these "stringent controls and patient satisfaction"
caused by the theoretical "dictatorship of the Proletariat" have lasted 30 years and
unless something is done about it they will probably last another 30 years. Possibly,
agent's conclusion (i.e., his proposal that the subject defector should flee to
the West) was very weak and took up only three lines of the entire letter. Agent
said that this problem is always the most difficult because it is hard to ask a per-
son to commit treason. Case officer added that he did not think it wise to suggest
to a Red Army officer that he defect to America or the West as then it is obvious,
no matter how it is worded, that we are asking this soldier to commit treason for our
sake. It is bad taste even to mention America to the prospective defector lest he
get the idea that he is merely a pawn in a huge chess game between East and West.
Therefore, case officer offered that agent, instead of suggesting that the defector
come to the West to help fight communism, point out to the defector that by staying
in the Red Army he only aids the cause of the Soviets and world communism. Needless
to say, since the only way for an army defector to go to "West" he would automatically
be forced to flee to the West if he were convinced that his presence in the Soviet
Army helped the Soviet's cause. In the fifth place, the letter was too long. A
Soviet officer would not conceivably be in a position to spend four or five minutes
to read such a lengthy block letter. Agent was asked to rewrite the letter making
the corrections as outlined above.

3. Agent reported that he had heard no further developments on the blackmail
attempt of Maria PZENHIO.

PERSONAL MATTERS

4. Case officer and agent spent about one-half hour on agent's English lesson.
The Russian Reader which case officer had given agent for translating into English
and returned it to case officer. Agent is still making very good progress in his
study of English and probably will have no difficulty picking up the language that he
is in the states.

COMMUNICATION

5. It was agreed to meet again on 15 December 1951 at 10:00 AM. Agent
is to spend time.

APPROVED: [Signature]

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